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SUB: PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURATION ARRIVAL AND
DEPARTURE STATEMENTS OF SECRETARY VANCE

REF: STATE 187740,

1. FOLLOWING ARE PROPOSED STATEMENTS BY SECRETARY ON ARRIVAL
AND DEPARTURE SANTO DOMINGO AUGUST 16. PROPOSED TOAST AND TALKING
POINTS FOR PRESS TO FOLLOW.

2. ARRIVAL STATEMENT: BEGIN TEXT. IT IS A PERSONAL PLEASURE
FOR ME TO RETURN TO THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, AND A SIGNAL
HONOR TO BE NAMED BY PRESIDENT CARTER TO HEAD THE OFFICIAL
UNITED STATES DELEGATION TO THE INAUGURATION OF PRESIDENT GUZMAN
AND VICE PRESIDENT NAJLUTA.

MY GOVERNMENT HAS OBSERVED WITH WARM INTEREST THE DOMINICAN
ELECTORAL PROCESS THAT IS NOW REACHING ITS CULMINATION. I HAVE
HAD A PARTICULAR INTEREST IN THIS PROCESS. WE BELIEVE THAT THE
ELECTIONS OF MAY 16 AND
THE ATTENDANT DEVELOPMENTS REFLECT THE STRONG DEMOCRATIC VOCATION
OF THE PEOPLE OF THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC. THE HISTORIC ACHIEVEMENT
OF THIS PEOPLE IN ELECTING AND INSTALLING ONE CONSTITUTIONAL
GOVERNMENT TO SUCCEED ANOTHER IS A MODEL FOR THE REST OF THE
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HEMISPHERE.

MY GOVERNMENT HAS ENJOYED CLOSE AND CORDIAL RELATIONS WITH THE
OUTGOING ADMINISTRATION OF PRESIDENT BALAGUER AND WE LOOK FOR-
WARD TO CONTINUING MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL COOPERATION WITH THE
INCOMING GOVERNMENT OF FUTURE PRESIDENT GUZMAN. UNDER PRESIDENT
BALAGUER'S LEADERSHIP, THE COUNTRY HAS REGISTERED REMARKABLE
PROGRESS IN MANY SECTORS OVER THE PAST DECADE. AS IT MOVES FOR-

WARD UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF PRESIDENT GUZMAN, IT HAS A PROMISING FUTURE. WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT THE TRADITIONAL CLOSE TIES BETWEEN THE AMERICAN AND DOMINICAN PEOPLE WILL BE STRENGTHENED AS OUR GOVERNMENTS WORK TO ACHIEVE THE COMMON OBJECTIVES OF TWO DEMOCRATIC NATIONS. END TEXT.

3. DEPARTURE STATEMENT: BEGIN TEXT. IT WAS A MOVING EXPERIENCE TO WITNESS THE FIRST CONSTITUTIONAL TRANSFER OF POWER IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC DURING THIS CENTURY, FROM ONE FREELY-ELECTED GOVERNMENT TO ANOTHER.

THIS HISTORIC EVENT DEMONSTRATES TO THE WORLD THAT A FREE PEOPLE CAN SUCCESSFULLY CONTEST THE BASIC ISSUES BEFORE THEM, MAKE A CHOICE AND THEN, PUTTING ASIDE THEIR DIFFERENCE, UNITE AND TURN TO THE TASKS OF ADVANCING THEIR NATION'S FREEDOM, SECURITY AND DEVELOPMENT.

I REGRET VERY MUCH THAT MY STAY HERE HAD TO BE SO BRIEF. HOWEVER, I WAS DELIGHTED TO HAVE THE PRIVILEGE NOT ONLY OF ATTENDING THE INAUGURATION BUT ALSO OF DISCUSSING SUBJECTS OF COMMON INTEREST WITH HIS EXCELLENCY PRESIDENT GUZMAN AND WITH FOREIGN SECRETARY /NAME TO BE INSERTED/, OF TALKING WITH /OR "MEETING" DEPENDING ON CIRCUMSTANCES/ FORMER PRESIDENT BALAGUER, AND OF MEETING MANY OTHER DOMINICAN OFFICIALS AND PERSONALITIES.

AS THE DOMINICAN PEOPLE PURSUE THEIR EFFORTS UNDER A NEW ADMINISTRATION, THEY HAVE THE VERY SINCERE WISHES FOR SUCCESS OF THE PEOPLE AND GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES. MY GOVERNMENT LOOKS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FORWARD TO WORKING CLOSELY WITH THE NEW GOVERNMENT OF THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC. END TEXT.
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